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Egypt: Penalties for absence without leave from the armed forces, whether it amounts to desertion and if so, treatment of those accused for desertion during legal proceedings, including the period after their conviction (August 2004)

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Information on the current penalties for absence without leave from the armed forces and legal procedures for those who are accused of deserting the armed forces could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

Sources Consulted

The Military Attaché of the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt did not respond to the Information request within time constraints.

Unsuccessful attempts to reach an oral source were made.

Publications : *Africa Confidential* , *Jeune Afrique/L'Intelligent* , Resource Centre country file.

Websites, including : *Al-Alhram* , AllRefer.com, Amnesty International, *Centre d'Etudes* European Country of Origin Information Network (Ecoi.net), Human Rights Watch (HRW), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), UNHCR, U.S. Department of State, War Resisters League.

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